



Virginia Green Hotels & Lodging Facilities



Sandswept Virginia Beach, VA



Virginia Green is the Commonwealth of Virginia's campaign to promote environmentally-friendly practices in all aspects of Virginia's tourism industry. **Virginia Green** has established "core activities" specific to each sector of tourism, and these practices are considered the required minimum for participation in the program. However, **Virginia Green** encourages its participants to reduce their environmental impacts in all aspects of their operations, and this profile provides a full list of all their "green" activities. These are the activities that guests / customers can expect to find when they visit this facility.

Sandswept

Sandswept is a green vacation rental where guests learn how to live more greenly. Notable features include solar electric power, requirement to leave outdoor shoes on the shoe rack by the front door, a solar and wind powered clothes dryer, low-water-use toilets & faucets, composting bin in the kitchen, and the Norwex cleaning system which does not require any chemicals to clean.

Sandswept's owner is keen to make as little impact on the environment as possible and to show others how to do so as well. Her house next door is a model for achieving net zero energy and is available for tours by guests at Sandswept as well as once a year being open to the general public on the Hampton Roads Solar Homes tour.

Guests are given information about and directions to local farmers' markets and reusable shopping bags.

For more 'green' specific information : www.ecobuildva.com/green-ocean-front-vacation-rental

Virginia Green Activities

This facility pledges that they:

Offer optional linen service

- Have signage in each guest room explaining the linen reuse procedures
- Change linens only upon request
- Train housekeeping staff on our process for optional linen service
- Purchase water- and energy-efficient washers and dryers

- Use non-phosphate, non-toxic and biodegradable laundry detergents
- Minimize the use of bleach and chlorinated chemicals
- Line dry linens whenever possible

Recycle

- Have in place clearly marked recycling bins or provide convenient drop-off locations for guests to recycle:

- Glass Bottles
- Plastic Bottles
- Aluminum cans
- Steel cans
- Newspaper
- Office paper

Other items recycled by the facility:

- Printer/ copy machine toner cartridges
- Cardboard
- Fluorescent lamps
- Batteries
- Electronics equipment such as computers, etc.

Reduce solid waste

- Use bulk soap dispensers instead of individual soaps/shampoos in guest rooms
- Instruct housekeeping staff to save and reuse unopened items
- Compost food waste and other compostables
- Use non-bleached napkins and coffee filters
- Use water pitchers to minimize the use of single-use bottles
- Use bulk soap dispensers in public restrooms
- Purchase recycled-content paper-towels and toilet paper
- Remove facility and staff names from junk mail lists when possible
- Reuse scrap paper for notes
- Reuse or donate shipping and packing supplies (peanuts, bubble wrap, etc.)
- Purchase recycled paper with a high-percentage recycled content
- Make double-sided photocopies and avoid making extra photocopies
- Use electronic correspondence and forms when possible
- Use green cleaning products that are dispensed in bulk
- Install carpet with sustainable or recycled content and low-VOC adhesives
- Use reused building materials or those from sustainable sources
- Use latex, low or no-VOC paints
- Properly recycle and/or dispose of thinners and solvents
- Perform preventative maintenance on all appliances, HVAC systems, plumbing, and vehicles
- Use integrated pest management (IPM)

- Minimize use of pesticides and herbicides in landscaping
- Other Activities: use Norwex cleaning system which does not use any chemicals

Use water efficiently

- Perform preventative maintenance to stop drips and leaks
- Have installed high efficiency dishwashers
- Have installed low flow faucets and showerheads (use less than 2.5 gallons per minute)
- Have installed low flow toilets (use 1.6 gallons per flush or less)
- Use microfiber technology mops
- Have landscaping that utilizes native species
- Use rain gauges and water meters and only irrigate when necessary
- Have minimized our lawn area
- Have installed rain barrels
- Have installed drip line irrigation
- Maintain vegetative buffers around streams and ponds
- Use a nutrient management plan that minimizes the use of fertilizers
- Other Activities: official Backyard Wildlife Habitat by National Wildlife Federation; Pearl Home with Lynnhaven Now

Conserve energy

- Track overall energy bills
- Have installed ceiling fans
- Have installed ENERGY STAR-rated windows and doors
- Regularly perform preventative maintenance on HVAC system
- Have installed a high efficiency HVAC system
- Keep office doors and windows closed if HVAC system is on
- Have installed geothermal heating and cooling
- Use natural lighting (i.e., open draperies and raise shades whenever adequate light from windows is available)
- Use occupancy sensors to turn on/off lights
- Have adopted a policy/practice to turn off lights in unoccupied rooms
- Have installed high efficiency fluorescent ballasts and lamps (T-5 and T-8)
- Have installed directional (downward-facing) lighting in parking areas and other outdoor areas
- Use ENERGY STAR qualified appliances (commercial kitchens, heating and cooling, consumer electronics)
- Use ENERGY STAR qualified office equipment (computers, monitors, copiers, printers, etc.)
- Have adopted a policy/practice to turn off fans, computers, monitors and other devices in unoccupied rooms at the end of the workday or when otherwise not being used
- Use alternative fuel, hybrid-electric, or electric vehicles
- Generate electricity from photovoltaic solar panels
- Purchase Green Power from utility
- Other Activities: in process of achieving NAHB Emerald Certification



For more information on **Sandswept**, see [VRBO.com/391482](https://www.vrbo.com/391482) or contact Gayle Johnson at sandswept@icloud.com or 757-513-7555.

For more information on the Virginia Green program,
see www.deq.state.va.us/Programs/PollutionPrevention/VirginiaGreen.aspx.



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